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News worth sharing.

Boy, 18, died by accident, say police

Drowning death a 'misadventure': Police

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No foul play is suspected in the drowning death of a young Winnipeg man, according to the head of the police dive unit that pulled his body from Sturgeon Creek.

The 18-year old — who lived in the St. James area — may have simply fell in, Sgt. Rob Riffel said Thursday.

His death has been classified as "misadventure."

The man's body was recovered Wednesday afternoon about 100 metres east of a small bridge traversing Sturgeon Creek.

He was identified by photo ID he had on him, said police.

"We just suspect he got too close to the edge and fell in," Riffel said, adding he was told the creek can usually be crossed on foot in summertime, but is currently swollen with fast-moving spring flood water.

Police released photographs found in a backpack prior to recovering the body in hopes it could help investigators find out who the man was.

Ultimately, they had no bearing on the investigation, said Riffel.

The man's family have been notified and his name will not be released, said Riffel.

"The banks (of the creek) are not well-defined. Once you're in there, you're in a whole lot of trouble."
SGT. ROB RIFFEL

9-11. Memorial

▶ U.S. President Barack Obama lays a wreath at the National Sept. 11 Memorial at Ground Zero in New York Thursday. Story, page 5.

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Obama visits Ground Zero in New York

U.S. President Barack Obama solemnly honoured victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on Thursday and declared that the killing of Osama bin Laden was an American message to the world: "When we say we will never forget, we mean what we say."

1 news

Annual springtime swap draws near

Next giveaway weekend not happening until Sept. Everything is free Winnipeg loves free

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Spring cleaners, take note: Next weekend is the time to get rid of the pile of junk in your basement.

The Winnipeg curbside giveaway weekend is happening May 14 and 15. 'Peggers can take advantage of the giveaway either by, well, giving stuff away or by browsing for things for free.

Items go next to the curb on your lawn. Mark them with a "free" sticker or sign. Don't make the mistake of parking stuff you don't want to give away next to it. And if no one wants it — put it away Sunday night, since it's not nice to litter.

Scroungers are reminded not to trample property, to park legally and to not leave trash on other people's lawns.

Give & take

What to give away:

- Books, CDs and DVDs; furniture, electronics, small appliances; sports equipment; toys and unwanted gifts; yard and garden tools; kitchen stuff; nails, paint, wood, etc.; clothing.

What not to give away:

- Hazardous material; mattresses, linens and other items that may carry bedbugs.

Canadian crops are dodging the worst of climate change, and may even be benefiting from it. Scan code for story.

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On the web at metronews.ca

Cirque du soleil founder Guy Laliberte says Michael Jackson was a fan, and they will honour him with a new show. Video at metronews.ca

Champs. Honoured

Mayor Sam Katz, in purple jacket, poses with members of the Winnipeg Thrashers hockey club.

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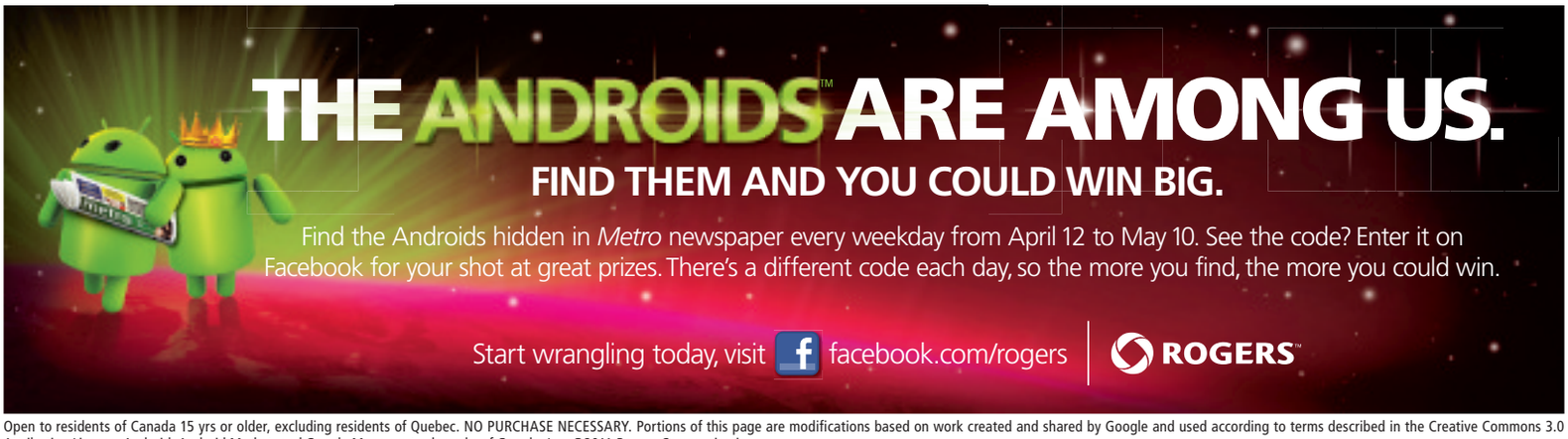
Unprecedented win

The mayor presented the Winnipeg Thrashers with outstanding achievement award medals after they recently became the first Winnipeg-based team ever to win the national midget hockey championship.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Immigrant with HIV going to Supreme Court

The case of an immigrant who didn't tell his sex partners he was HIV-positive is going before the Supreme Court.

Clato Mabior is serving jail time for failing to disclose his illness to two partners.

He was originally convicted of six counts of aggravated sexual assault and sentenced to 14 years in prison.

That was overturned by the Manitoba Court of Appeal and Mabior was given a lighter sentence.

The Crown appealed to the Supreme Court, which has agreed to hear the case.

Mabior is supposed to be deported back to Sudan upon his release from custody.

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Teen charged with murder in shooting

FACEBOOK

▶ Trevor Abraham Harper, 20, died after being shot in a parking lot April 30.

- Police won't say if gun recovered
- Further arrests possible

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A 15-year-old boy has been charged with second-degree murder in connection with the city's most recent homicide.

Police allege the teen shot at a car that Trevor Abraham Harper, 20, was sitting in on Portage Avenue last Friday evening. Harper was hit by handgun fire and died despite efforts by the car's driver to rush him to a nearby hospital.

Officers in the tactical support team arrested the accused teen killer near Pembina Highway and Plaza Drive Wednesday morning, police said.

Police said the shooting unfolded after a group of people approached the car Harper was in and a "brief conversation" took place.

Shots were fired after the teen tapped on the window with the gun, and the car tried to speed off, police said.

"We don't know if (Harper) was the intended target," Const. Natalie Aitken said.

The boy has a prior history of police involvement but was not out on bail, probation or bound by court orders at the time of the shooting, said police.

He remains behind bars at the Manitoba Youth Centre.

Violent youth

10 city homicides so far in 2011

6 teens charged with murder or manslaughter

13 the age of the youngest accused teen killer

Former pharmacist lashes out at MPhA

A Winnipeg man had his Manitoba pharmacist's licence yanked after questions began surfacing over how it was obtained.

But now, Michael Narous is putting pressure on officials in the hopes of working at provincial drugstores again.

Narous is asking a judge to force the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association (MPhA) to look at a new registration application so he can regain his licence.

However, the MPhA is refusing to do it until a criminal probe into problems with credential documents wraps up, according to court documents.

Narous claims the association has failed to respond to his request for a review in a reasonable time and he's being denied the chance to work.

"Mr. Narous considers himself a victim of the actions of an employee of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association."
LAWYER WAYNE ONCHULENKO

His Manitoba licence was pulled in early December.

In April, the MPhA and Winnipeg police came forward announcing a 49-year-old woman working for the association allegedly took money to forge pharmacist credential documents and would face criminal charges.

The MPhA revoked two licences — the ones belonging to Narous and another man, Rafat Kirolos of Toronto.

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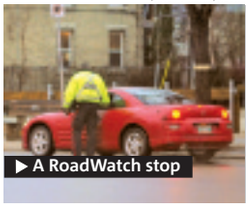

▶ A RoadWatch stop

Drivers caught by RoadWatch

Suspended, unlicensed and scofflaw drivers continue to be caught as police keep up a program meant to spark fear into those who drive drunk.

Winnipeg police said they stopped or scanned the licence plates of more than 1,300 vehicles in four locations last Saturday.

RoadWatch program officers also issued 22 tickets, arrested two impaired drivers and nabbed a suspect wanted for breaching bail.

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Army deployed to help Quebec flood victims

Government can't fully compensate the 3,000 people who lost homes, premier says ◐ Waters continue to rise

With entire neighbourhoods half covered in water, Canadian soldiers were being deployed in southeastern Quebec Thursday to help flood victims.

Military vehicles rumbled into the hardest-hit areas, where soldiers placed sandbags to help stop the flooding.

Area residents, meanwhile, struggled to get around in canoes and all-terrain vehicles.

The military arrived one day after Quebec Premier Jean Charest asked for help from the Canadian Forces.

About 2,800 people have been forced from their homes, with aerial images showing rows of houses half submerged along the Richelieu River.

The flooding has affected 3,000 homes and one third of those residences have been evacuated. The area's Royal Military College has also been cleared.

A subdued Charest toured the flooded areas Thursday. He said the government would compensate people and municipalities for some of the damages. But he warned that the government couldn't pay for everything.

"It hurts me to say this today. But it's not true that we can compensate everything. It's impossible."

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Winter's fallout

Environment Canada explained that this year's heavy winter snowfall is responsible for the floods.

- **Melted** Snow in the U.S. Adirondacks melted into Lake Champlain — combined with this week's rain, a startling volume of water poured into the Richelieu River.
- **Unique** "This is a really unique phenomenon," said Rene Heroux, an Environment Canada meteorologist.

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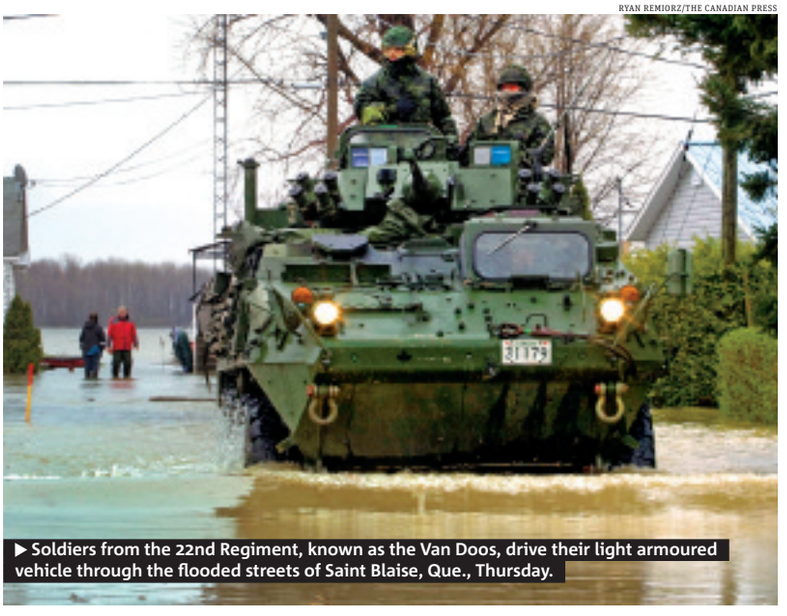

▶ Soldiers from the 22nd Regiment, known as the Van Doos, drive their light armoured vehicle through the flooded streets of Saint Blaise, Que., Thursday.

Premier blasts owner for oil spill

The owner of a broken pipeline that has gushed 4.5 million litres of crude oil in northern Alberta is taking heat from the province's Conservative premier and the leader of the federal Green party.

Premier Ed Stelmach says Plains Midstream Canada will not be allowed to reopen its aging Rainbow pipeline until the spilled oil is properly cleaned up, repairs are made and people in the nearby aboriginal community of Little Buffalo are assured the pipeline is safe.

"From what I can gather they could be doing a better job," Stelmach said of the company's efforts Thursday.

"There has been a violation of the federal Fisheries Act, not to mention the negligence of failing to notify the public for five days."

ELIZABETH MAY, GREEN MP-ELECT

"We are going to hold their feet to the fire to make sure that they are there and they will have to pay all of the costs related to the cleanup of the spill."

As Stelmach faced questions in Edmonton about the largest Alberta pipeline spill in 36 years, Elizabeth May was in Ottawa calling for an immediate investigation and serious consequences for the company if it is found to have been negligent.

The pipeline breach was first reported late last Friday afternoon, but it wasn't until Tuesday that Alberta's Energy Resources Conservation Board reported the full extent of the spill.

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Pipeline breach

Alberta's Energy Resources Conservation Board said 28,000 barrels of oil were spilled last week.

- A school in Little Buffalo has been closed since Friday.
- The First Nations community reports headaches, nausea and a strong petroleum odour.
- Lubicon Cree Chief Steve Nosky says the community is worried the beaver damn containing much of the spill might overflow into a nearby lake.

Prairies not flat in economic growth

A new report says Canada's prairie cities will enjoy the strongest economic growth this year, thanks to peak worldwide demand for commodities.

The Conference Board's spring outlook predicts Saskatoon will lead the country in growth with a 4.1 per cent advance, and will remain at or near the top for the next few years.

Following close behind are Calgary at 3.4 per cent and Regina and Edmonton with 3.1 per cent growth rates.

No other city among the 13 largest metropolitan areas analysed by the think-tank breaks through the three per cent barrier in growth. Toronto comes closest at 2.8 per cent, and Victoria trails at 1.7 per cent.

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Toronto is expected to challenge the four western powerhouses over the next few years, however, with an average 3.5 per cent advance.

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Obama's day of 9-11 memories

He lays wreath at Ground Zero, visits hero firefighters, police

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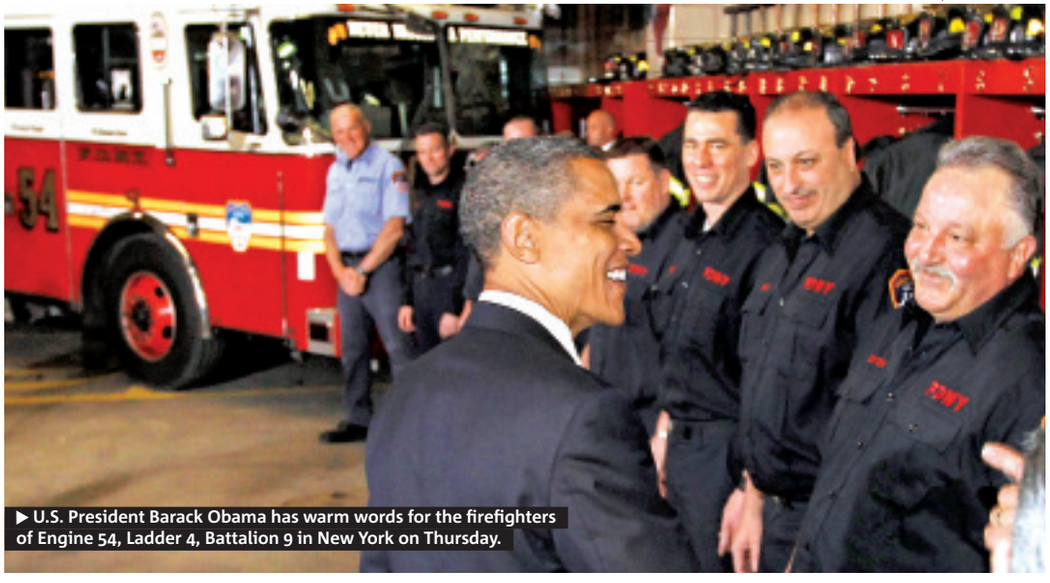

▶ U.S. President Barack Obama has warm words for the firefighters of Engine 54, Ladder 4, Battalion 9 in New York on Thursday.

U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday marked Osama bin Laden's death where the terrorist inflicted his greatest damage — New York's Ground Zero.

Obama laid a wreath there and declared: "When we say we will never forget, we mean what we say."

The president closed his eyes and clasped his hands at the outdoor memorial where the twin towers of the World Trade Center once dominated the Manhattan skyline.

He shook hands with family members affected by the terrorist attacks and others dressed in black at the site where the skyscrapers were brought down by planes commandeered by bin Laden's followers.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed in the twin attacks on New York and the Pentagon.

The president also visited firefighters and police officers whose response to the terror attacks turned them into heroes.

"I just want to thank him, hug him ... and shake his hand. Father to father. Thank you for doing this for me."

JIM RICHES, WHOSE FIREFIGHTER SON WAS KILLED AT GROUND ZERO

"This is a symbolic site of the extraordinary sacrifice that was made on that terrible day," Obama said at Engine 54, Ladder 4, Battalion 9.

The New York firehouse lost 15 firefighters on Sept. 11.

At the First Precinct police station in lower Manhattan, Obama said of those who died in the Sept. 11 attacks, "We keep them in our hearts. We haven't forgotten."

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Few shots fired: New details emerge on raid

Only one of the five people killed in the raid that got Osama bin Laden was armed and fired any shots, a senior U.S. defence official said Thursday.

The official agreed the new account differs greatly from original White House portrayals of a chaotic, intense and prolonged firefight.

The sole shooter in the al-Qaida leader's Pakistani compound was quickly killed in the early minutes of the commando operation, the official said.

The Navy SEALs assault team then swept through the house and shot the others.

After the SEALs' debriefing, he said, the raid should be described as a precision, floor-by-floor operation.

As the SEALs moved into bin Laden's compound, they were fired on by bin Laden's courier, Abu Ahmed al-Kuwaiti, who was killed.

The Americans were never fired on again.

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Secret helicopter

- Aviation experts said a helicopter used in the assault appeared to be a stealthier, top-secret and never-before-seen version of a routinely used special-ops helicopter.
- The chopper made a hard landing and was destroyed by the military team at the site.

EX-PREZ STAYS AWAY

Bush wants to keep a low profile

George W. Bush's decision not to appear at Ground Zero with Barack Obama after the death of Osama bin Laden is part of his desire to keep a low public profile, says his wife, Laura Bush.

Laura Bush said Thursday she and her husband were out to dinner Sunday night when they got word that Obama wanted to speak with him.

The former president went home to take the call informing him that U.S. military forces had killed Osama bin Laden in a raid in Pakistan.

Bush congratulated Obama, calling bin Laden's death "a victory for America."

George Bush was in power on Sept. 11, 2001, when bin Laden's followers attacked in New York and Washington D.C.

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WEALTH WATCH

Welcome to Club Millionaire

The assets of wealthy Canadians will reach $6.77 trillion by 2020, a new study predicts, adding there will be a lot more millionaires over the coming decade.

The study by the Deloitte Center for Financial Services says the number of millionaires in Canada will surge to more than 2.4 million, up by more than 32 per cent from the current 1.7 million. The rise is partly due to the strong economy, particularly in the resource sector.

Globally, wealth among millionaire households could more than double over the next decade in 25 major economies, growing from $92 trillion this year to $202 trillion.

Developed nations are expected to remain the centres of global wealth, with 43 per cent held in the U.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cost cuts will drive new low-cost carrier

But Air Canada could face headwinds with labour disputes

Air Canada will introduce a discount carrier only if it can sustainably reduce labour and other costs, CEO Calin Rovinescu said Thursday.

"We will not do it unless it has the ability to remain truly low cost over the long term. It needs to be able to avoid the type of cost creep that has plagued legacy carriers over the years," he said.

Canada's largest airline failed in its attempt to introduce low-cost carriers a decade ago. The proposed model would ramp up to 50 aircraft and create jobs for 462 pilots, three times as many flight attendants and some airport workers.

Rovinescu said the new carrier can work by creating a fundamentally different cost structure to profitably operate in leisure markets and European destinations. Among the potential high-volume, low-yield destinations that could be served are Amsterdam, Dublin, Nice, Manchester, Lisbon, Casablanca and southern sun cities.

Approval from Air Canada's unions is a key step in proceeding. The airline has begun negotiations with all of its labour groups and is hopeful that new collective agreements can be reached without disputes. A ratification vote by pilots gets underway on Monday.

Air Canada and its regional partners carry about 31 million passengers annually to more than 170 destinations on five continents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Air Canada CEO Calin Rovinescu is convinced that a low-cost carrier is key to long-term profitability. At its annual shareholders' meeting yesterday in Montreal, the airline reported first-quarter losses of $19 million, compared to $112 million a year ago.

Go local, CRTC tells carriers

Canada's telecommunications regulator has tweaked the rules for satellite carriers in a move that will force both Bell TV and Shaw Direct to carry more local TV stations.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission says telecom companies must carry all stations that are part of the Local Programming Improvement Fund, which was established in 2009 to support small- and mid-sized local stations.

The changes, which take effect on Sept. 1, will ensure that Canadian subscribers to both Bell and Shaw Direct's satellite services receive the local affiliate station of each of the national television networks.

The move comes after the CRTC established the $100-million local programming fund to help broadcasters. The plan was funded by the cable and satellite corporations, which promptly passed the fee on directly to consumers, who complained in the tens of thousands.

"Canadians in all markets should have access to their local television stations, regardless of how they receive their programming," CRTC chairman Konrad von Finckenstein said.

Canada's public broadcaster praised the new rules, saying the CRTC has made several significant policy decisions over the past few years to strengthen local programming.

"This is another critical step in that direction," said Steven Guiton, vice-president and chief regulatory officer of CBC/Radio-Canada. "Local stations provide a fundamental public service to their communities," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Air power

- **The new regulations** stipulate that Bell and Shaw must carry five English-language and also five French-language CBC stations and perhaps more, depending on availability.
- **They also must carry one** TV station per province from each major Canadian broadcasting ownership group, and two stations from other ownership groups.

Crown Vic plant on the block

The Ford plant in St. Thomas, Ont., is for sale ahead of its expected closing later this year.

The price tag for the 2.1 million-square-foot facility is $22.75 million, with an adjacent 161-acre vacant parcel of land going for an extra $3.2 million. The plant makes the police interceptor Crown Victoria.

The Canadian Auto Workers is in talks with company officials at the head office in Oakville to try to minimize the impact of the closure on employees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. THURSDAY

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
– 155.94 (13,455.38)	– 1.05¢ (103.28¢ US)	– $9.44 US ($99.80 US)	$4.391 US (– 25¢ US)

Gold contracts $1,481.40 US (– $33.90 US)

FRESH FACES SEAL PLACES IN POLITICS

THE METRO LIST

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This was the mother of all news weeks.

1 Kindergarten Kaukus: Among Jack Layton's newly elected MPs: 19-year-old Pierre-Luc Dusseault, the youngest MP in the history of the nation, who would not have been old enough to vote before 1970. He is joined in the House by Ruth Ellen Brosseau, 27, elected in a francophone riding even though she doesn't speak much French and spent a good part of the campaign in Vegas, baby. Thus begins the shortest political honeymoon ever.

2 Osama pictures: OK, is this guy really dead or what? Doubting Thomases of the world unite! Show us the pictures! This is probably just a stunt by that other Arab, Obama what's-his-name, to distract us from the real scandal: He was obviously born in Africa or is an alien or something.

"... it's time for PETA to round up a bunch of celebrities to bitch about the seal hunt. This year it's Iggy Pop ..."

3 Royal wedding: Kate and William cost the U.K. five billion to 10 billion pounds in lost productivity because of all those bewitched Brits. Of course, the $3.3 billion in royal chachkas almost made it a wash. If you're already sick of the whole thing, hold onto your stomach as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are going to Hollywood after they finish the tour of the provinces this summer. Can't wait.

4 The Naughty Bishop: Canada's creepiest cleric, his former eminence Raymond Lahey, confessed to a fatal attraction for young males, even though his church is opposed to homosexuality, pederasty, and various other mortal sins of that ilk. Lahey is so overcome by Catholic guilt he's eager to go to jail even before formal sentencing. Whatever his maxima culpa, you can bet he won't be declared a saint like John Paul II right after he dies. Or ever, for that matter.

5 The seal hunt: Along with the darling buds of May, it's that time of year when Newfoundlanders go out on the ice to prove their manhood by clubbing cute cuddly seals to death. And, just as inevitably, it's time for PETA to round up a bunch of celebrities to bitch about the seal hunt. This year it's Iggy Pop, who just looks as if he's been clubbed to death, and Ke$ha (seals are, like, our friends) who are featured on posters that say: Canada's Club Scene Sucks!

Honourable mentions:

6 50th anniversary of the Freedom Riders: A little token dignity in a sea of nonsense.

7 Michael Ignatieff: It was all just a dream Zsuszanna. There's no place like Harvard.

8 Gilles Duceppe: Bloc Québécois leader will collect a pension of $140,765 from the Canadian people for the rest of his life. Merde.

9 Why are we in Libya?

10 Bieber watch: Australian teen arrested for throwing eggs at Justin Bieber. Because he missed?

metro life panel

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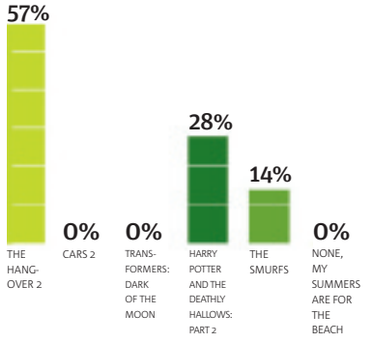
What summer movies are you most looking forward to?



Local tweets

- **@tonianderson:** Caring for Kids fundraiser in Winnipeg today and my son asked me if he could give the $7 in his piggy bank #mademecry
- **@wheatkingsfan:** Is it "do not turn your signal lights on" day in #winnipeg
- **@j_cringan:** #AirCanada flight attendant en route between Regina and Winnipeg is only speaking French. Hilarious! Must be some union protest thing.
- **@Keirongallagher:** Landed in Winnipeg woohoo!! It's Sunny and 18 right now. Eat that #Calgary ;)
- **@18mrm:** Serious flooding in Winnipeg. Someone send some shamwows and shop vacs
- **@girlone:** Out on the scooter for a ride. My kind of break!
- **@brentoliver:** @Sperounes He's clearly the best director for that. Woolite can get fake blood and stripper sweat out of anything.
- **@mattwiebe:** When I'm checking out an ebook, don't ask me what country you're shipping to. #detailsmatter

Worth mentioning

TORONTO. A research team at Queen's University has entered the race to slim down tablets and smartphones with a plastic, flexible prototype that's just about paper thin.

The school's Human Media Lab has unveiled a type of e-paper technology nicknamed the PaperPhone, which is described as a bendable iPhone.

The device measures 9.5 centimetres diagonally and its electronics are housed in a thin, flexible film that can be rolled up. It has a greyscale E Ink screen and has a few applications that can make phone calls, play music, read e-books and maps.

Rather than using buttons or touchscreen controls, the plastic device responds to different bends. Commands are triggered by bending the corners of the device, or rolling the right edge backward or forward.

While creator Roel Vertegaal admits the technology would likely need at least five to 10 years to go mass market in a sophisticated way, he boldly claims the research team is onto a game-changing technology. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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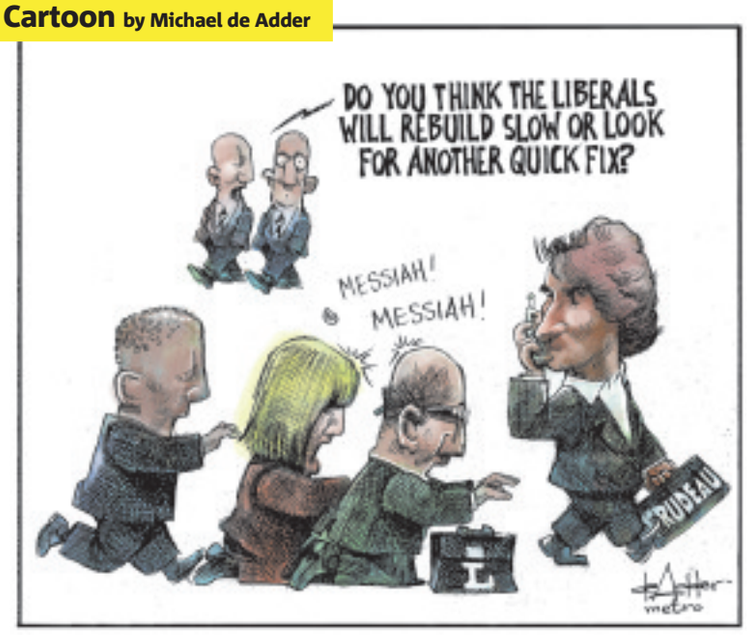

WEIRD NEWS

Wonder what his wandering will accomplish

A social media enthusiast has won the title of "Saskatchewanderer," a post with the provincial government that his bosses dubbed "the best summer job ever."

Andrew Konoff, 21, will be paid to spend the summer travelling and blogging, tweeting, Facebooking and YouTubing about everything that makes Saskatchewan special.

The tourism department came up with the idea to hold a competition to hire a post-secondary student for the job by posting short videos by the applicants online and then letting the public cast their votes.

The University of Regina student, event planner and stage actor started out with a clever video describing his passion for travel and his previous adventures on the Mongol Rally, a car race from England to Mongolia.

He boasted of his love for Saskatchewan, "which includes my love of the Riders and crappy roads."

Tourism Minister Bill Hutchinson said Konoff has already created a buzz about the job and he believes the people of Saskatchewan will find his work interesting and informative. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Gaga contest

Congratulations to Lyle Reimer, our Canadian finalist in Metro's global Lady Gaga editorial assistant contest.

Lyle, who lives in Richmond, B.C., with partner Raymond Boutet, wowed us with his strength, courage and wonderful sense of self — not to mention fabulous sense of humour.

Be sure to pick up Metro May 17 — remember, Lady Gaga is our international Guest Editor — to read Lyle's winning entry and find out who was named Gaga's assistant for a day.

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Plot synopsis

- Based on the Marvel comic book, the action in Thor really begins with our hero about to be named king by his father (Anthony Hopkins). Seconds before daddy says the words, "You are king," Frost Giants from an enemy realm interrupt the ceremony. Furious that his big day has been marred, Thor (Chris Hemsworth) disobeys his father and skips realms to confront the invaders. His punishment for his reckless, arrogant behaviour is banishment to Earth and the arms of meteorologist Jane Foster (Natalie Portman).
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ⊕⊕⊕
  Mark: ⊕⊕⊕

▶ Chris Hemsworth and Natalie Portman star in Thor.

Thor brings the fun

Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of Thor ◐ It's cheesy fun and the humour shines through, even if the love story falls a little flat

Reel Guys
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Richard Crouse: Mark, it's hammer time! Thor, the ball peen superhero, is big, loud cheesy fun. It feels a bit like an amuse bouche to the all-superhero-all-the-time Avengers movie coming next year, but as an origin movie it gets the job done. Unlike its star, the incredibly buff Chris Hemsworth, the movie is a bit soft in the middle. It starts off well, slows to a crawl midway, but as soon as Thor Gets His Groove back … er … Gets His Hammer Back, the movie gets back on track. What did you think?

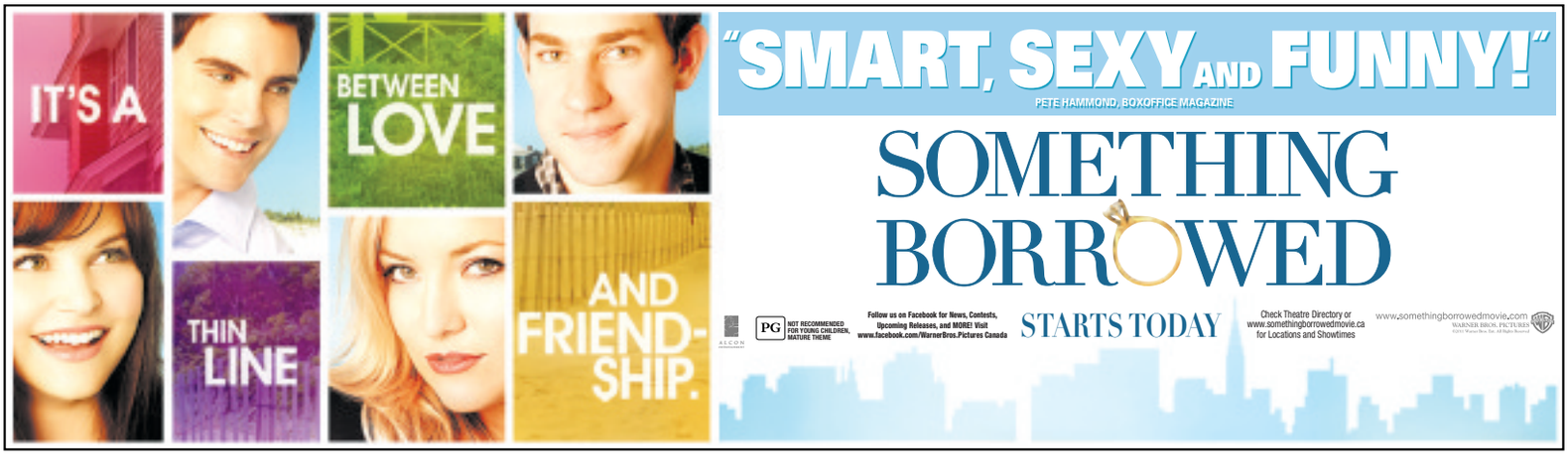
Mark Breslin: Well, it did feel long to me. In fact, my ath ith thtill a bit thor. But I liked the way it moved back and forth between the worlds of Earth and Thor's home planet. It almost felt like two different movies were going on, but just almost. At first I couldn't believe that Kenneth Branagh would direct a comic book movie, but the film does have a Shakespearean feel at times. What say you, Richard?

RC: It's a greatest hits of Willy's themes — love, deception, death and daddy issues, and Anthony Hopkins classes up the joint a little bit, although the way he chews the scenery it's like he hasn't eaten in a month but I wish it didn't sag in the middle. The Natalie Portman love story is the weakest thing about the movie.

MB: And Portman is the weakest link in the film, period. But what about the lead, Chris Hemsworth? I thought he was very good in a ludicrous role, and the twinkle in his eye and swagger in his step really made the part bearable, as did his spectacular pecs.

RC: Couldn't agree more about Portman. She's miscast. Kat Dennings, in a throwaway role that she turns into a charismatic supporting part, would have been a better and more interesting lead. As for Hemsworth, initially I didn't know if he was going to cut it with his oh-so-serious line delivery, but later, his realization that as "the Mighty Thor" has lost some of his powers is fun. The movie is actually a lot funnier than I thought it would be.

MB: Intentionally funny, I might add, which is unusual for this kind of movie. I liked the visuals on Planet Whatever. They were rich and deep, which is more than I can say for the now-mandatory 3-D, which I found tepid. But not the noise level! Talk about Hammer time! I'm just getting my hearing back now.



Priest taps into western genre

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▶ Scott Stewart directed the fantasy/action movie Priest, which opens next Friday.

The American western long ago dug its dusty claws into virtually every genre of film known to man, but it's with horror and science fiction that the mark remains most resonant.

Director Scott Stewart's new 3-D horror action yarn Priest however, makes little effort to hide its inspiration, wearing its Stetson tipped heart on its sleeve. The film sees actor Paul Bettany playing the titular man of the cloth who breaks his vows of peace to rescue his niece from the fangs of the hordes of vampires that ravage the Earth, all the while running afoul of a corrupt church (led by Christopher Plummer).

"(Priest) has familiar ingredients but a new recipe," says Stewart. "It has all these iconic elements. Motorcycles replace horses and the look of the film is a mix of the 1890's period film and a post-apocalyptic world."

Stewart's background is in special effects, having worked extensively with his own company and with Industrial Light & Magic creating some of the screen's grandest illusions. It's this ability to understand the aesthetics and mechanics of special effects that made him the perfect choice for such a visual picture.

"Because of my FX work I can visualize ideas myself," Stewart said. "I can show people what I want the vampires and cities to look like."

Priest is clearly a fantasy, yet with its title and blatantly theological themes, it is certainly set to court controversy. Stewart, however, isn't worried about any backlash.

"God is not a bad guy in this movie," Stewart said. "It's about an oppressive government that is just as bad as the church, but that's in the context of the film."

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Something Borrowed
Genre: Romantic Comedy
Director: Luke Greenfield
Stars: Kate Hudson, Ginnifer Goodwin, Colin Egglesfield
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This somewhat aggravating romance, based on Emily Giffin's bestselling novel, wades through murky waters of lover's triangles, deceit, betrayal and ill will and somehow in the end, it's all roses. It's impossible to buy Kate Hudson's Darcy, a motormouthed shrew who shrieks and mugs her way through this as the intended bride of a reserved and cautious Dex (Egglesfield). He's in love with Rachel, (Goodwin) but lacks gumption and Rachel is apparently blind to his misdeeds. Twists and turns keep it interesting and there are a few laughs despite everyone's failure to see what's in front of them. ● ANNE BRODIE

West is West
Genre: Comedy
Director: Andy deEmmory
Stars: Aqib Khan, Om Puri
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A nicely shaped sequel to 1999's hit comedy East is East, West is West picks up the story of the Khan family — whose Pakistan-born paterfamilias George (Om Puri) spend the first film struggling with his sons' assimilation into British society — five years later. In this instalment, George drags youngest son Sajid (Aqib Khan) to Pakistan to foster an appreciation for his heritage, but the story is really about the older man and the impossibility of having a foot in two cultures at once. ● ADAM NAYMAN

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Feig mines optimism for laughs

Bridesmaids director got to work with the funniest females around Hopes movie opens doors for women

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Paul Feig is probably best described as a master of cringe comedy. As the co-creator of the beloved high school humiliation comedy Freaks And Geeks as well as the director of TV shows like The Office and films like the upcoming Bridesmaids, Feig has displayed a knack for mining laughs out of awkward behaviour.

When asked why he has such an affinity for this style of comedy, Feig told Metro, "I'm an eternal optimist and when you're an optimist you're always opening yourself up for humiliation and failure because it's very seldom that things turn out better than you expect. It's inevitably worse and I always found that funny and relatable."

Feig's latest directorial outing Bridesmaids (opening next week) fits comfortably into this mould. The film stars Saturday Night Live veteran Kristen Wiig — who also co-wrote the movie — as a struggling woman with a failed business, a mountain of debt, and a stunted love life who finds herself going through a series of embarrassing misadventures while helping a lifelong friend prepare for her wedding. It's a situation designed to provoke fits of laughter through nauseating discomfort and also fulfilled Feig's longstanding desire to create strong comedic roles for women.

"I've always had this sick feeling in my stomach over women getting such crappy roles, especially in comedies where they always tend to become shrewish," explained the director. "To this day, so many talented people I know in this business are women who are hilarious but can't get that big break because the roles just aren't there.

"I thought it would be nice to change the tide with this movie a little bit. But that also brought a lot of pressure on me because it's like, 'Oh God, if I screw this up or it doesn't do well, it's going to make it even harder for women to get their own projects.'"

Based on laugh count alone the director definitely succeeded and now we'll see if audiences will be willing to open their hearts and wallets to see his cast of lovely ladies behaving badly.

Feig's resumé

Paul Feig might not the biggest name in comedy but he's been involved with some of the best TV comedies around. Here is a partial list of show's he has worked on.

- The Office, Nurse Jackie, Bored to Death, Parks and Recreation, Weeds, 30 Rock, Arrested Development, Undeclared, Freaks and Geeks.

▶ Bridesmaids stars, from left, Melissa McCarthy, Ellie Kemper, Rose Byrne, Wendi McLendon-Covey, Maya Rudolph and Kristen Wiig. It opens in theatres next Friday.

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▶ Vin Diesel and the Rock star in Fast Five, which opened across Canada last week.

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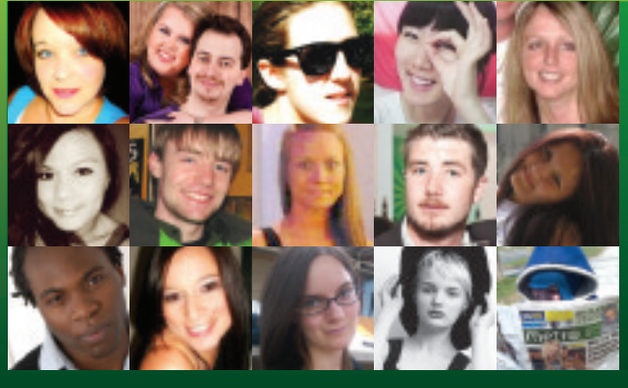

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Talking points

This book is not for Bullock

EX-HUSBAND. Friends of Sandra Bullock say the Oscar-winning actress won't be reading ex-husband Jesse James' new tell-all book, American Outlaw, according to Popeater.

"He has got nerve going on TV and moaning that he has spent the last five years worrying only about Sandra when we all know the only person Jesse ever thinks about is himself," the source says.

"He's learned nothing. He says that he has forgiven himself and moved on, but obviously doesn't give a damn about others forgiving him. If he did he wouldn't be reliving this ugly time again to sell a book." METRO

Rough patch for Leo and Bar

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▶ Leonardo DiCaprio

Rumours abound about possible breakup

Leonardo DiCaprio and Bar Refaeli's separate social lives are once again fueling breakup rumours.

According to Page Six, the couple is "going through a difficult patch," but are committed to working through their problems.

Earlier this week, DiCaprio chose to hang out with friends at the Standard hotel in New York in lieu of accompanying Refaeli to the Met Costume Institute gala. METRO

Celebrity tweets

@kathygriffin

Had therapy today, which is weird 'cause everybody ELSE is crazy. Um, er, right u guys??? Don't leave a sista hangin

@IMKristenBell

if u cannot manage to get the paper napkin in the garbage can, u do not deserve to use the indoor restroom.

@rustyrockets

I just broke my Royal Wedding mug, is this an omen? (I broke it by throwing it out the window)

@ConanOBrien

I had the most normal dream last night. It was just me waiting in line at the bank for a reasonable amount of time.

No wedding stress for Bell

Just because Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard are engaged doesn't mean they're busying themselves with planning the big day.

"We're just not having a wedding," she tells Us Weekly. "I mean, we're still getting married, but we're going to do it whenever we feel like it." In fact, Bell is still busy celebrating their February 2010 engagement. "The fact that he asked me to marry him is of a little more importance than me planning a party," she says. METRO

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Mother's Day brunch

Surprise mom with breakfast in bed • Pumpkin French Toast is easy for the kids to make • Pumpkin adds sweetness and boosts nutritional value

Of course, the carefully handprinted (and adorably misspelled) card made by our children is the thing that every mother cherishes from Mother's Day. Flowers are thoughtful and so is brunch at a nice restaurant. But you know what we really want, don't you? That's right: sleep.

As unsexy as it sounds (although maybe if we weren't so tired we might want that a little more, too), sleep is the real and reliable way to a mother's heart. And while we're sleeping, why don't you and the kids make something nice?

Pumpkin French Toast

This Pumpkin French Toast is an elegant and nutritious twist on the classic. Pumpkin adds a nice sweetness, while at the same time boosting the nutritional value.

It's easy enough for small kids to help with or older kids to run with on their own. Plus, tinned puréed pumpkin can be found in stores all year round.

Honestly, the predictable let's-go-out days like Valentine's Day or Mother's Day are better avoided. Restaurants are over-crowded and the service is harried. So much more relaxing to have a nice brunch at home. Or better yet, why not breakfast in bed? Because we'll be sleeping, remember?

Ingredients:

- 4 pieces of multigrain, spelt or another ancient grain bread
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) butter
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) pumpkin puree
- 4 eggs
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) 1% milk
- 1 tsp (5 ml) agave nectar
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground cinnamon
- Pinch ground nutmeg

Preparation:

1. Cut bread into four small squares; set aside.
2. In skillet melt 1 tbsp (15 mL) of the butter over medium heat.
3. In bowl, whisk together pumpkin puree, eggs, milk and agave. Whisk in cinnamon and nutmeg. Sink each piece of bread in the egg mixture, making sure to coat both sides well.
4. Add egg-soaked bread piece by piece into warm skillet. Cook for 3 minutes and then flip. Cook another 2 minutes or until golden. Add remaining butter to the pan and cook remaining pieces of bread. Stack and serve warm with agave. Makes 4 servings.

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▶ Pumpkin French Toast

Try a Mimosa or Kir Royale with brunch

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Since Mother's Day is this weekend, I bet many of you (especially the guys) will be cracking a few eggs in honour of that special woman in your life.

When it comes to liquids, brunch is like the mid-day equivalent of a big holiday meal: You've got all kinds of different flavours trying to make nice on one plate.

Off-dry white wines, light, fruitier red wines, dry rosés and, of course, sparkling wines are all great fallback bottles.

My mom loves a champagne flute of Mimosa. If mixology isn't your thing, the 50/50 blend of orange juice and dry bubbly (pick an inexpensive Spanish Cava) is impossible to flub.

Or try a Kir Royale. Originating in the French Burgundian town of Dijon, it's made by adding a teaspoon of crème de cassis — the region's famous blackcurrant liqueur — to a glass of bubbles.

While a variety of cassis brands are carried across the country, Védrenne's Supercassis ($20.25) is a benchmark for the style.

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Healthy lunches

- Sandwiches: Say goodbye to bologna on white bread. Try nutritious breads and fixings.
- Salads: Choose dark, leafy greens like spinach, romaine lettuce or a mesclun mix.
- Pasta: Use noodles made from different whole grains like whole wheat, buckwheat or brown rice.

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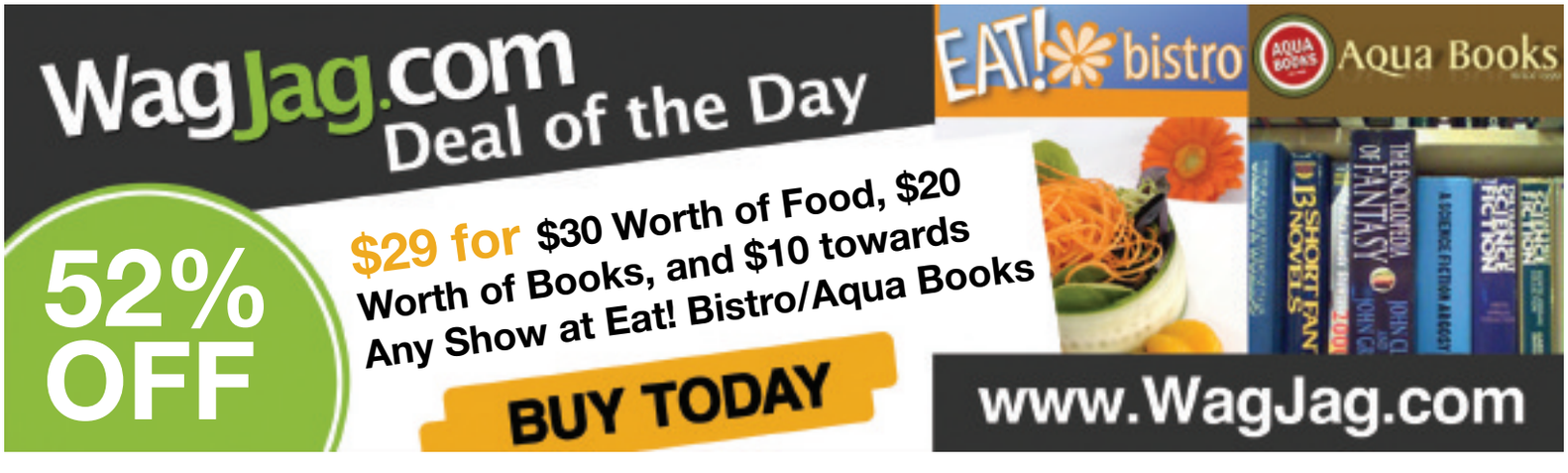
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San Jose going for the sweep

Sharks players say they don't want Detroit to regain momentum

The storied history of the Detroit Red Wings does not happen to include coming back from a 0-3 deficit in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Pavel Datsyuk is confident Detroit can figure out a way to beat the San Jose Sharks four straight times after losing three in a row.

"If we do not believe, we should just go home," Datsyuk said Thursday. "We believe 100 per cent."

The 2010 Philadelphia Flyers, 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and 1975 New York Islanders are the only teams in league history to win a series after losing the first three games.

"We also have enough respect for our opponent to know that if there's a team that can do it, it would be Detroit," Sharks coach Todd McLellan said. "So, that should help us prepare. Our lesson that we were taught last year should help us. We know the storm is coming, we've experienced that, but we'd like to be part of that storm."

The Sharks will have their first chance to advance to the Western Conference finals — for the third time in the franchise's two decades — on Friday night in Detroit.

"We're taking the mental attitude that it's a must-win game."
SHARKS CAPTAIN JOE THORNTON

The Sharks seem to be beating the Red Wings mentally and physically, becoming the first team to have eight post-season wins in a row by a goal each time in league history.

McLellan hopes that doesn't make the Sharks cocky.

"I want to separate last year from this year, but I believed we learned a very valuable lesson in Game 4," he said.

The Sharks lost Game 4 to Detroit 7-1 on the road in 2010, then bounced back to eliminate the Red Wings with a 2-1 victory.

"We did not come back," Datsyuk said. "Now, we have another chance."

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▶ Devin Setoguchi is congratulated by Sharks teammate Ryane Clowe on Wednesday.

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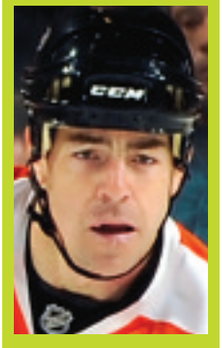

"We just have to come and play the way we know we can and keep getting traffic and win a period, and hopefully win a game, and get to Game 5. And that's all we can do right now."
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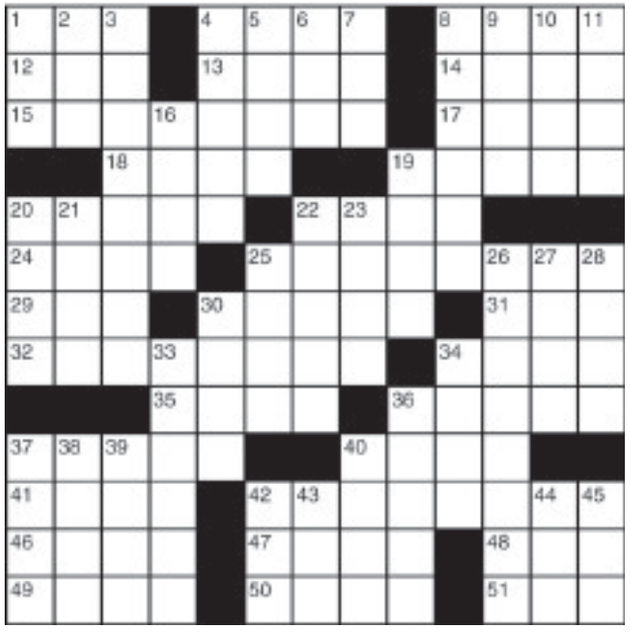

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1 — Mahal
4 Parisian pals
8 Choose from a group
12 Fuss
13 Color quality
14 On the briny
15 Old communication method
17 Bit of banter
18 Comestibles
19 Stallion or mare
20 Malaria symptoms
22 Transaction
24 Tranquil
25 Pollen-caused allergy
29 Under the weather
30 Cupid's yokemate
31 Is for you?
32 Short-term employment
34 Schleps
35 Shakespeare's river
36 Cockpit VIP
37 Steeple
40 Regimen
41 Lumber
42 Spring parade leader
46 Initial stake
47 Birthright barterer
48 Old studio letters
49 Paraphernalia
50 Sommelier's offering
51 Stitch

Down

1 Noisy dance
2 Oklahoma city
3 With glee
4 Friend of D'Artagnan
5 Disposition
6 Hostel
7 Get a glimpse of
8 Wheedle
9 Addict
10 Not so much
11 Tardy
16 Verse
19 Weapon's handle
20 Alkali neutralizer
21 Festive
22 Pythias' pal
23 Watchful one
25 Vagrant
26 Some track-and-field athletes
27 Therefore
28 Take a break
30 Bear lair
33 Pantry
34 Stead
36 Resentment
37 Booty
38 Corn concoction
39 Tittle
40 Actress Cannon
42 Kitten's call
43 "— was saying, ..."
44 Scratch (out)
45 Promptly

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

1		8		4	5			7
	5		8					9
	7		2				8	
7							1	
		6	4		3	8		
	9							6
	8				7		5	
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2			5	8		3		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

4	8	5	9	6	7	3	1	2
6	3	1	4	2	5	7	9	8
2	9	7	1	8	3	6	5	4
9	5	6	2	7	8	1	4	3
3	1	2	6	4	9	8	7	5
8	7	4	3	5	1	9	2	6
1	4	3	8	9	2	5	6	7
7	2	9	5	3	6	4	8	1
5	6	8	7	1	4	2	3	9

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Baaska
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ceejaay
BABY<3 i love you, and you are my happily ever after. Thanks for making this year so special, by giving me my first mothersday:) te amo te amo te amo<3 **FROM MANNYB**

Hey Deidra i cant stop thinking about u i miss u so much please i want us to work it out and share the rest of our future together... plz call me i miss all the jokes and late night u rode along with me...! ..
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A look at the weather

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Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist

"Weather impacts everything we do. Providing the information you need before you head out that door and take on the day is the best part of my morning." **WEEKDAYS 6AM**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Jupiter in your sign makes you want everything to be perfect but, of course, nothing ever is

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You will be in just the right place at just the right time today

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Nothing in life ever comes for free. Bear that thought in mind today you won't go far wrong.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Steer clear of power struggles and office politics today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If someone gives you a hard time today it is most likely because they want to provoke you.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may wonder if you really deserve all the good things that are coming your way. Of course you do: you earn everything you get in life.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Stay calm, be positive and act as if you have already won.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Don't compare yourself to other people

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Don't keep your suspicions to yourself: if facts and figures don't add up find out why.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Emotions will be running high today. Let is pass in peace.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Focus on tasks that are enjoyable and do not require much effort.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20.
Anything you do on impulse is likely to backfire

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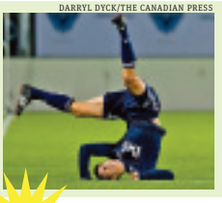

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